
Ellel Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held at the Galgate Recreation Rooms on Monday 9th April 2018 at 7.15pm.

Present:

Cllr S Booth, Cllr I Collinson (chairman), Cllr J Greenwood, Cllr M Helm, Cllr P Mather, Cllr D Whitaker (vice-chairman).

Gill Mason - clerk.

Eight members of the public.

53/18 Apologies for absence.

Cllr N Wilson, Cllr M O'Riordan and Cllr H Helme.

54/18 Declarations of interest.

Cllrs Booth and Helm declared an interest in any item regarding Ellel Village Hall.

55/18 Approve and sign minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 12th March 2018.

It was resolved that the minutes be signed and approved as a true record of the meeting by Cllr Collinson.

Proposed by Cllr Booth.

Seconded by Cllr Greenwood.

56/18 Open forum.

A resident informed the parish council, that a car had spun round on the all-weather pitch and knocked a panel down. If the residents could inform the clerk of the approximate date and time, then the CCTV footage could be checked.

Salford Road footpath is flooded and needs draining -the clerk will contact LCC Highways.

57/18 Planning applications.

18/00308/FUL Proposal : Erection of a two storey side extension For : Mr & Mrs J Barnes Site

Address : 1 Downham Cottages, Chapel Lane, Galgate, Lancaster, Lancashire.

The parish council have no observations.

17/00944/OUT Proposal : Outline application for the demolition of existing agricultural buildings, retention and residential conversion of stone barn for up to 2 dwellings and erection of up to 68 dwellings with associated access For : Hollins Strategic Land LLP Site Address : Ward Field Farm, Main Road, Galgate, Lancaster, Lancashire DETAILS OF AMENDMENT: Additional addendum to FRA with supporting Hydraulic Assessment, together with revised concept/density plans reducing the amount of development from 73 dwellings (plus 2 converted dwellings) to 68 dwellings (plus 2 converted dwellings).

The parish council strongly object to this application following the following observations:

The development would take the village nearer to the boundary of Lancaster and creating this infill will harm the form and character of the village. More developments around this area could cause future flooding problems, which the village is already susceptible to.

58/18 LALC subscription renewal.

The parish council would like more information on what LALC provides before they subscribe.

Councillors will research the association and make a decision regarding the renewal at the next meeting.

59/18 Finance

Payments.

Gill Mason- clerk's wages £843.09 and expenses £61.15	£904.59
Employers contribution NI reimbursement – G Mason	£22.51
Eon electric bills (D/D)	£51.50
Insurance (D/D)	£160.50
Dolphinholme flower donation -M Kristiansen	£60.00
HES electrics – Rec room heater	£1440.00
LALC subscription	£437.47
CCTV external camera - rec room	£840.00

Receipts

Recreation room bookings	£35.00
Football electric	£15.75
Punch Taverns car park rent	£880.00
Precept	£28376.99
Village Hall electric and water charges	£1257.10
Cricket club subs and electric and water charges	£195.00

Petty cash payments

Zipwire seat	£69.99
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Financial standing orders

The clerk will circulate the standing orders for the councillors to review.

60/18 Village Hall solar panels income update.

Cllr Booth informed the parish council, that finally, the issues with the application have been resolved and the first generated income is approximately £4300 from the solar panels. Cllr Booth will read the meter monthly and send it to Eon.

61/18 Noticeboard maintenance.

The noticeboards have been sanded and are waiting to be varnished when the weather improves.

62/18 Dolphinholme sign replacement.

No update.

63/18 Dolphinholme tennis court donation request.

No update.

64/18 Treat day donation request.

The Galgate Treat Day Committee have requested a donation of £250.00.

The clerk will produce a new small grant application for the parish council to approve at the next meeting. This will be given to all groups requesting donations to complete.

65/18 Recreational field area and recreation rooms.

Allotment water rates.

The allotment society attended the meeting to discuss the water leak and the invoice that they had received from the parish council charging them for this. The society reported that the leak occurred because of a cracked water meter that had been installed in 2014 by the parish council. The stop tap had not been turned off over winter.

Mr Brymer said that there had been no communication with the allotment society. Cllr Whitaker asked if the allotment holders had been asked to attend the parish council meetings in the past, to raise issues with the councillors, of which Mr Brymer said yes they had.

The allotment plots are rented at £20 per annum x 21 plots, two of which are not residents of the parish, as there is no waiting list for Ellel parishioners. The society would like the plot to be used rather than left overgrown.

It was resolved that the allotment society are happy to pay 50% of the water bill to the parish council.

Proposed by Cllr Mather.

Seconded by Cllr Helm.

Bowling Club gate.

The clerk was informed by the councillors that three quotes would not be required, as the work will have to be split and will be completed by more than one contractor who's work will not exceed £1000. The work has commenced to install the new gate and pathway.

CCTV internal camera quote - rec room.

It was resolved that the clerk order the internal camera for the recreation room at a cost of £216.00 plus vat.

Proposed by Cllr Booth.

Seconded by Cllr Mather.

Decking repair.

No update.

The football grounds maintenance operative has started to erect a frame attached to the steel container, which will store the machinery for the football pitches. This will stop children climbing on the machines. The frame will have a corrugated roof and rain water will be collected in a water butt. The neighbour whose garden backs on to the rec field has said this is ok as it wont encroach on his garden.

It was resolved that the storage lean can be completed, with the guarantee that it will be constructed professionally and structurally sound.

Proposed by Cllr Whitaker.

Seconded by Cllr Helm.

66/18 Beech Road playground grant.

Cllr Helme had met with the Beech Road Playpark Group and Helen Ryan from public realm. The clerk has sent the parish council's accounts to Helen Ryan, as part of procedure, as the parish council will be managing the grant money for the new playpark.

67/18 Churchyard purchase update.

No update.

68/18 Police report and correspondence.

Ten reported offences for February.

Violence & sexual offence – Tanhouse.

Violence & sexual offence -Stoney Lane.

3 x Criminal damage and arson – Carrwood Gardens.

2 x Antisocial offences – Leach House Lane.

Violence and sexual offence – Green Lane.

Criminal damage and arson – Kit Brow Lane.

Residents request for agreement and support for the change of speed limit on Whams Lane.

69/18 Date and time of next meeting.

APM and APCM Monday 14th May 2018 at 7pm at the Dolphinholme Village Hall.
Agenda items to be submitted to the clerk by Sunday 6th May 2018 at 5pm.

Meeting closed at 8.49pm

Signed (Chairman) Date